

## Message Text

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ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 MCT-01 SY-05 USSS-00 A-01 OPR-02  
CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00  
INRE-00 NEA-10 HA-05 AID-05 CCO-00 FBOE-00 PM-05  
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OMB-01 SS-15 PER-01 /094 W  
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O R 281230Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4318  
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
AMEMBASSY ATHENS

C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 0554

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS  
SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREAT AGAINST EMBASSY

REF: STATE 077518

1. AT 0935 ON MARCH 28, EMBASSY RECEIVED THREATENING PHONE CALL. CALLER SAID HIS NAME WAS ABDUL AND CLAIMED TO BE A PALESTINIAN STUDENT IN SOFIA. HE WANTED TO TALK TO THE AMBASSADOR. HE THEN SAID:

"I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I AM CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND WE PUT ALL THE BLAME FOR THEIR MISFORTUNES AND PERSECUTION ON YOU AMERICANS. I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE IN BULGARIA, YOU ARE VULNERABLE. WE KNOW YOU AND WE KNOW YOUR CARS. YOU ARE NOT  
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SAFE EVEN HERE -- WE WILL KILL ALL OF YOU. INFORM YOUR PRESIDENT. WE WILL LIBERATE OUR PEOPLE."

2. THE CALLER WAS A YOUNG MALE. HE SPOKE FAIR ENGLISH WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN AUTHENTIC ARAB ACCENT. HE WAS AGITATED, ANGRY AND DELIVERED HIS MESSAGE WITHOUT HESITATION, SPEAKING VERY QUICKLY. THERE WAS NO BACKGROUND NOISE.

3. DCM MET LATER IN MORNING WITH MFA PROTOCOL DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMYANOV TO REPORT PHONE CALL AND DISCUSS SITUATION, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES GOB CAN PROVIDE TO PROTECT EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY. ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT EMBASSY AND SELECTED LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO PHONE CALL. EMBASSY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED. WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. GARTHOFF

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## Message Attributes

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